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Assistant Secretary James A. Rispoli
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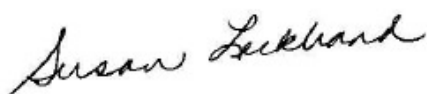
Dear Mr. Rispoli:

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) would like to express our appreciation for your support of our Board and all public involvement in the Department of Energy (DOE) EM cleanup process during your tenure as Assistant Secretary. Your attendance at the twice-yearly EM SSAB Chairs meetings, giving the Board opportunities for direct dialogue, speaks directly to EM's commitment to stakeholder involvement.

There are several individual efforts that we have seen come to fruition under your leadership as Assistant Secretary:

- Implementing high standards for project management for EM-funded projects across the DOE complex, including encouraging DOE staff to obtain higher level project management skill sets;
- Establishing and sharing with stakeholders a real project-tracking mechanism for EM-funded projects – the Quarterly Project Reviews (QPRs);
- Requiring Certified or Validated Baselines to be established and in place for all legacy waste cleanup projects and sharing them with stakeholders; and
- Instituting a program of hiring and training a new generation of DOE staff to ensure there is personnel depth at DOE to take the handoff as the current generation retires but cleanup continues.

For these and many other reasons, the EM SSAB thanks you for your service and wishes you all the best.



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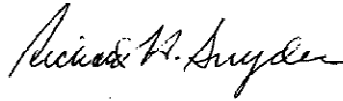
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